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INFORMATION
September 22, 1971

MEMORANDUM FOR: HENRY A. KISSINGER

FROM: DICK KENNEDY

SUBJECT: Initial Report From General Haig

Attached at Tab A is General Haig's initial report from Saigon which stresses the great value of the trip and makes the following significant points:

-- Ambassador Bunker agrees completely with your assessment of the overall situation and wholeheartedly supports the general approach outlined to him.

-- Ambassador Bunker is fully supportive of latest game plan and objectives and considers that President Thieu will deliver.

-- General Abrams can meet force levels called for in your plan under either of possible outcomes. Key element in event larger increment is required will be maintenance of adequate U.S. air effort.

-- In assessing the local political situation the general consenus is that no major flareups should occur prior to October 3.

-- Strike was great boost to both U.S. and ARVN morale and was first all-instrument raid of this scope of the war. (Constraints did affect MACV ability to execute Tuesday's strikes. But General Haig cautions that he wants to talk to you personally about this before it is mentioned to the Chairman.)

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-- General Abrams and General Weyand as well as Ambassador Bunker strongly favor appointment of General Weyand to COORDS position. State at the Assistant Secretary level is strongly opposed and General Haig recommends you line up Secretary Laird and Admiral Moorer as soon as possible and then approach State at the Alexis Johnson level.